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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION: NEXT STEPS

REF: (A) USNATO 1472 (DTG 151718Z MAR 77), (B) STATE 61693

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED UP WITH GOP USNATO RECOMMENDATIONS

ON NEXT STEPS. PORTUGUESE HAVE GOTTEN OWN READOUT FROM GERMANS

ON FRG NSC DECISION ON MILITARY AID TO PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY

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1. NEXT STEPS: POLCOUNS FOLLOWED UP AMBASSADOR'S

MAR 17 APPROACH TO FONOFF SECRETARY-GENERAL BY URGING

CHIEF OF FONOFF NATO SECTION NUNES DE CARVALHO TO MOVE

AHEAD WITH USNATO NEXT STEPS SCENARIO (REF A). CARVALHO

RESPONDED BY PRODUCING PORTUGUESE EMBASSY'S AMB THEMIDO'S CABLE

ON HIS MAR 18 CONVERSATION WITH DEPT OFF (REF B) AND NOTING

THAT PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN BONN, HERNANI LOPES, MET LAST WEEK WITH MEMBER OF GERMAN NSC TO DISCUSS FORCE MODERNIZATION.

2. FRG NSC DECISION: LOPES REPORTED TO FONOFF THAT GERMANS HAD DECIDED TO PROVIDE 17 M48A2'S AND 18 105MM HOWITZERS WITH A DM 25 MILLION CEILING. PORTUGUESE ARE UNCLEAR WHETHER DM 25 MILLION CEILING INCLUDES PRICE OF TANKS AND ARTILLERY OR IS IN ADDITION. WHEN LOPES ASKED ABOUT M48A2 UPGRADING. GERMAN NSC OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT DM 25 MILLION CEILING WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED, ALSO NOTING FRG PLANS TO REPLACE ONLY 600 OF THEIR OWN M48A2'S WITH LEOPARDS AND UPGUN THE REST.
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